get themselves listed in the voters list in order to avoid deportation and other legal proceedings. The problem of illegal migrants from Bangladesh is assuming serious proportions and the Delhi Police recently took action to deport 26 Bangladesh nationals. The Delhi Police have stated that no harassment has been caused by them to bonafide residents and citizens.

Modernisation of Police in Orissa

1959. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are assisting the State Governments for the modernisation of police forces:

(b) if so, the details of the assistance extended to the State of Orissa during last three years for this purpose:

(c) the other steps Government have taken in that State in this regard; and

(d) the amount spent on that programme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments in respect of some items viz. better mobility, wireless communications, forensic science, laboratories (building and equipment), scientific aids to investigation and training equipment.

(b) to (d) The assistance given to the State of Orissa under the Scheme over the period 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 amounts to Rs. 46.96 lakhs, Rs. 44.60 lakh and Rs. 37 lakhs respectively.

'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects it is primarily for the State Governments to take necessary steps to improve the standars of the Police Force. Central assistance provided under the Scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces is only by way of supplementing the State Government's expenditure out of their own resources.

Boms explosion in a Shuttle train

1960. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a powerful bomb exploded in Shuttle train running between Meerut and New Delhi on the 19th October, 91;

(b) if so, what is the number of passengers killed/injured as a result thereof;

(c) whether Goverament have since instituted an inquiry into the incident; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof and the steps taken by Government to provide safe journey to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) A bomb explosion took place on 2 DNM Passenger Train between Modi Nagar and Murad Nagar on 19.10.1991.

(b) No passenger was killed. However, two passengers sustained serious injuries and two minor injuries.

(c) and (d) General Railway Police, Meerut has registered a criminal case which is under investigation.

The maintenance of law and order on the Railways is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, in the effected areas, the travelling public is being warned through public address systems, T.V., posters and news-paper advertisements not to touch or handle any suspicious looking object and to report to the Police/Railway Staff if any such object comes to their notice. Besides, coaches of passengers trains are thoroughly checked before they are placed at the platforms. In addition, random checks of passengers' luggage is being conducted in the affected areas by police

parties to identify and locate unclaimed articles.

1961. [*Transferred to the 19th December,* 1991]

Demands of Sikkim State

1962. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the Government of Sikkim for settling some of the long standing demands of the State;

(b) if so, what are the main demands of Sikkim pending clearance with the Central Government and since when these demands are pending; and

(c) by when Government propose to settle these demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The main demands of the Government of Sikkim which are received from time to time from them and Central Government's reaction thereto are as below:—

(1) Reservation of seats for people of Nepal origin in the legislative assembly of Sikkim

The reservation of seats in a Legislative Assembly is meant primarily for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under article 332 of the Constitution. Therefore, the Government have regretted its inability to accede to the request. However, 4 Writ Petitions on the subject are pending, one in the Supreme Court of India and three others in the High Court of Sikkim.

(2) Inclusion of Nepali language in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution.

The Government are of the view that inclusion of more languages (including Nepali) in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution would have other repercussions and reactions. However, it would continue to be the endeavour of the Government to develop the cultural and literary heritage of all the languages irrespective of their being included in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution.

(3) Settlement of Property claims of Ex-Chogyal of Sikkim.

The Government of India have taken care to see that the ex-chogyal did not face any difficulty and have considered his claim with sympathy. The ex-chogyal and his son have already been paid considerable amount in cash. Possession of several properties continues to be retained by the heirs of Ex-chogyal.

(4) Inclusion of Sikkim in the North Eastern Council.

The North Eastern Council was constituted for the States of North-Eastern Region which have commonality from the point of view of economic planning and no other unit outside this region could legitimately be included as a member of the Council. It has, therefore, not been possible to include the State of Sikkim in the North Eastern Council.

Arms training to people of weaker sections

1963. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised some of the State Governments to give arms training to the people of weaker sections; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a)